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For: METHOD FOR INHIBITING DEGRADATION OF NATRIURETIC PEPTIDES THROUGH USE OF SPECIALIZED CONTAINERS UPON MEASURING AND HANDLING OF SPECIMEN (AS AMENDED)

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ABSTRACT

A method for inhibiting the degradation of mammalian natriuretic peptides, in particular BNP, by using containers wherein the face coming into contact with specimens are made of a material is disclosed. Said material inhibits the activation of a substance, which in turn, degrades the peptides. This method makes it possible to collect specimens for measuring natriuretic peptides stably and conveniently. Also provided is a method for measuring natriuretic peptides by using these containers.